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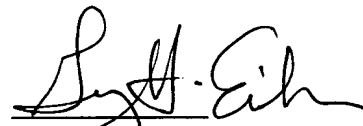
The specification has been amended to include a reference to the priority applications.

Claims 1, 9, 11-13, 24 and 27 are currently amended to remove reference indicia in order to meet the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Claims 2-8, 10, 14-23 and 25-26 are original claims as per the PCT published application and the International Preliminary Examination Report.

To meet the requirements of the United States, the Abstract (as originally filed in the published PCT application) is added. Reference indicia have been deleted in order to meet the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

No fee is believed to have been incurred by virtue of this amendment. However if a fee is incurred on the basis of this amendment, please charge such fee against deposit account 07-0832

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